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Terry L Thomas	inq. comments on PR Docket 92-235

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REMARKS: Please reply to the Starkville, Miss. office

TRENT LOTT
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April 12, 1993

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Mr. Richard J. Shiben
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division
Private Radio Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 5202
Washington, D. C. 20554

Dear Mr. Shiben:

Please find enclosed further correspondence I have received from my constituent, Mr. Terry L. Thomas, regarding PR Docket 92-235. I respectfully request that Mr. Thomas's correspondence be included in the record of the proceeding.

I would like to respond to Mr. Thomas in a personal way, therefore, I would appreciate a reply regarding his concerns and inquiry. You may send correspondence to me at 101 South Lafayette Street, Starkville, Mississippi 39759.

Thank you very much for your prompt attention to this matter. With kind regards and very best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,


Trent Lott

TL:swb

Enclosure

April 5, 1993
East Main Plaza
Starkville, MS 39759

The Honorable Trent Lott
487 Senate Russell Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Senator Lott:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the response you received from the FCC regarding their comments to you with respect to P.R. Docket 92-235.

Richard J. Shiben, in his letter of March 2, (Copy Attached) says "In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice."

How can Mr. Shiben make such a comment with a straight face when the proposals will entirely remove two of the frequencies allocated from the spectrum?

I am advised that tests at Mississippi State University, conducted by members of the staff who are model builders, indicate the potential exists to render two thirds of the present frequencies now allocated totally useless.

The FCC, as evidenced in Mr. Shiben's letter, is not being totally truthful with you and those of us who encourage young people of our community to participate in this drug free sport which contributes much to growing young people.

We go to great lengths to assure the safety of operators, property, and bystanders when we fly our model airplanes. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of frequencies is decreased, as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the present margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

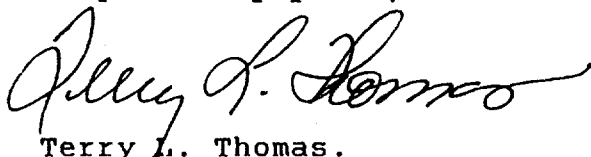
It is important to understand that some of the model airplanes have wing spans up to ten feet and weigh as much as 30 pounds. These airplanes themselves are expensive to build: but more importantly, they are capable

It is not wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think that we are as important as business users of radios, but we have thousands of dollars of investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of drug free enjoyment to thousands of people like me and certainly contributes to advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

You are urged to help all of us to continue the safe operating enjoyment of our pastime by NOT allowing the FCC to carry out the proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Please help DEFEAT this rule making proposal.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Terry L. Thomas".

Terry L. Thomas.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

March 2, 1993

IN REPLY REFER TO:
7330-7/1700A3

Honorable Trent Lott
United States Senator
101 South Lafayette Street
Starkville, Mississippi 39759

Dear Senator Lott:

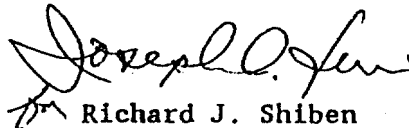
This is in reply to your letter of February 10, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division
Private Radio Bureau

Enclosures

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April 5, 1993
East Main Plaza
Starkville, MS 39759

Federal Communications Commission
1919 "M" Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: PR Docket 92-235

Gentlemen:

You have advised my legislative delegation that the proposed changes in PR Docket 92-235 will in no way affect the frequency spectrum allocated for operation of Radio Controlled model aircraft.

This advice is INCORRECT.

You have failed to indicate that the use of two thirds of the frequencies presently allocated for this spectrum will be rendered useless and that two of the frequencies presently allocated will be obliterated totally.

You are requested to re-think this proposal and remove it from consideration by the Commission.

I am opposed to this change which will affect thousands of young men and women who enjoy a drug free sport and will jeopardize their investment and hours of hard labor constructing models.

The new frequencies are so close that interference will occur and render most model frequencies unusable from a liability standpoint, if no other, and certainly dangerous to say the least.

The changes that you propose will affect all model builders and any representation to the contrary is SIMPLY NOT TRUE.